#### "Labor Market Information for Life"

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#### What are benefits of LMI?

 Workforce and labor market information is essential to the economy, providing for the efficient operation of labor market by supplying quality labor market intelligence

Accurate, Objective, Relevant,
Timely, and Accessible



#### What are benefits of LMI?

- Workforce and labor market information is critical for:
  - Building a skilled workforce that spurs business competitiveness and economic growth
  - Strengthening career pathways and guiding skill attainment for good jobs, economic opportunity, and career growth



#### What are benefits of LMI?

- Workforce and labor market information is critical for:
  - Understanding the rapidity changing nature of work and how it impacts the workforce and economy; and
  - Spending workforce training and education funds effectively



### Jobseekers, Students, Workers

- What industries and occupations are growing in my area?
- How much do different occupations pay?
- Which careers match my skills?
- What are the job openings in my area? What are the hot jobs?
- What education, training, and credentials do I need for specific careers?



### Employers/ Businesses

- What is the size and skill level of the workforce in places where I am looking to expand or locate?
- What is the outlook for employment growth in my state and industry?
- What is the average pay for positions like those I employ?
- How many job seekers are available in my area?
- 6 What are their skill levels?



### Educators, Counselors, Training Providers

- What is the outlook for job opportunities in my area? What's growing? Declining?
- What training should I offer to prepare students for current and future jobs?
- What training programs do others offer in my area?
- What careers offer the best prospects for youth?
- For adults who are retraining?



### Government Policymakers, Planners and Public

- Which industries and occupations are growing and need trained workers?
- Who makes up the unemployed/underemployed?
- How do rural and urban economies and workforces differ?
- Are persons served by the nation's workforce system finding and maintaining employment?

### Industry sectors

- An industry sector is a group of companies that operate in the same segment of the economy or share a similar business type
  - Serve similar markets
  - Create similar products
  - Similar mix of occupations
  - Compete with each other
  - Similar kinds of work organization



### Industry sectors are coded in NAICS

- Every business activity in the entire economy – private, public, non-profit, product or service – can be found somewhere within the comprehensive North American Industry Classification System
- Common to U.S., Canada & Mexico
- www.census.gov/eos/www/naics



#### NAICS

- NAICS uses a six-digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity into twenty industry sectors
- Five sectors are mainly goods-producing sectors and fifteen are entirely servicesproviding sectors
- This six-digit hierarchical structure allows greater coding flexibility



### NAICS-6-digit coding

Level	NAICS Code	Title
Sector	44-45	Retail Trade
Subsector	441	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealer
Industry Group	4412	Other Motor Vehicle Dealers
NAICS Industry	44122	Motorcycle, Boat, and Other Motor Vehicle Dealers
National Industry	441221	Motorcycle, ATV, and Personal Watercraft Dealers

Sector	Description	
<u>11</u>	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	
<u>21</u>	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	
<u>22</u>	Utilities	
<u>23</u>	Construction	
<u>31-33</u>	Manufacturing	
<u>42</u>	Wholesale Trade	
<u>44-45</u>	Retail Trade	
<u>48-49</u>	Transportation and Warehousing	
<u>51</u>	Information	
<u>52</u>	Finance and Insurance	
<u>53</u>	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	
<u>54</u>	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	
<u>55</u>	Management of Companies and Enterprises	
<u>56</u>	Administr. and Support and Waste Mana. and Reme. Services	
<u>61</u>	Educational Services	
<u>62</u>	Health Care and Social Assistance	
<u>71</u>	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	
<u>72</u>	Accommodation and Food Services	
<u>81</u>	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1
<u>92</u>	Public Administration	1

#### O\*Net/SOC

The Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) is a Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) based system



# What is the O\*NET-SOC System?

The O\*NET-SOC system organizes the work done in our nation into approximately 1000 occupational categories. These occupations have associated data on the importance and level of a range of occupational characteristics, including

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, Tasks, and General Work Activities



### Understanding the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Guidelines

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has published Classification Guidelines as part of their SOC Manual to ensure that all users of occupational data classify workers the same way. Although developed for SOC, the basic principles also apply to the O\*NET-SOC system



### SOC and Coding

The occupations in the SOC are classified at four levels of aggregation to suit the needs of various data users: major group, minor group, broad occupation, and detailed occupation. Each lower level of detail identifies a more specific group of occupations. The 23 major groups, listed below, are divided into 97 minor groups, 461 broad occupations, and 840 detailed occupations

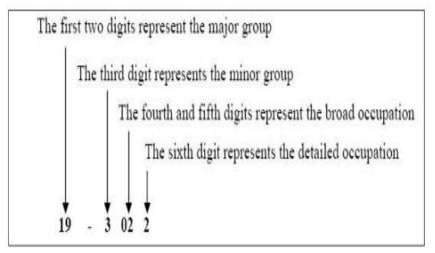


### SOC Major Groups

#### 2010 SOC Major Groups

2010 BOC Major Groups		
Title		
Management Occupations		
Business and Financial Operations Occupations		
Computer and Mathematical Occupations		
Architecture and Engineering Occupations		
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations		
Community and Social Service Occupations		
Legal Occupations		
Education, Training, and Library Occupations		
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations		
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations		
Healthcare Support Occupations		
Protective Service Occupations		
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations		
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations		
Personal Care and Service Occupations		
Sales and Related Occupations		
Office and Administrative Support Occupations		
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations		
Construction and Extraction Occupations		
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations		
Production Occupations		
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations		
Military Specific Occupations		

 Each item in the SOC is designated by a six-digit code. The hyphen between the second and third digit is used only for clarity





### So which types of LMI are relevant?

- The occupational and industry mix for your area
- Projected growth or decline by industry and occupation
- Skill sets possessed by workers in your area
- List of available training providers and courses offered
- Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data for your area



- The occupational and industry mix for your area
  - Which industry sectors employ the most people in your area
  - The occupational distribution within each industry sector
  - An employer database showing specific employers by industry sector



- Projected growth or decline by industry and occupation
  - Industry sectors that are growing or declining
  - Both long- and short-term projections by industry and occupation
  - Occupations projected to grow rapidly and the industries where they can be found
  - These are particularly valuable when dealing with supply/demand issues



- Skill sets possessed by workers in your area
  - Industry staffing patterns that reveal common occupations
    - Using O\*Net to identify common skill sets for these occupations
    - Using the above, develop a "census" of skill sets for workers in your area
- These are particularly valuable when dealing with downsizing or major layoffs



- List of available training providers and courses offered
  - Compile a matrix of providers and training offered
    - Match courses offered to specific occupational groups
    - Look at projected growth by occupation to determine if adequate training will be available.
- These are very useful when dealing with major closures or downturns

### Most important LMI links from LMEA website

LMI home page

https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

Labor area summaries

https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/labor-area-summaries

County profiles

https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/county-profiles

Supply/demand report

https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/supply-demand-report

Projections

https://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/projections

Occupational employment and wage statistics

https://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/occupations



#### **Thank You**

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